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THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY PROMOTES LIMOUSINE SAFETY

With this year's prom and graduation season right around the corner, the Department of Motor Vehicle Safety (DMVS) urges teens and their parents to be aware of illegal limousine companies that schedule trips without proper authority. This year prom-goers will have Georgia's new teen driving curfew to also consider: no driving between the hours of midnight to 6:00am with no exceptions for anyone 16 or 17 years old. With these new restrictions in place, more young people may be soliciting limo drivers for their prom and graduation celebrations.

Under current Georgia law, O.C.G.A. 46-7-85.3 and 46-7-85.4, all limousine companies are required to be registered and have proof of insurance on file with the DMVS. Licensed carriers are required to have chauffeur permits for all their drivers who must first pass a criminal investigation. A carrier operating illegally will have neither completed the extensive background investigation nor provided DMVS with proof of insurance.

Licensed limousine carriers operate under a maximum tariff and rates are negotiable. A gratuity is voluntary and not mandatory. Limousine companies are allowed a 4-hour minimum during prom season. When making your reservations, always get a written confirmation. As a reminder, contact the company a few days prior to the scheduled event to confirm the arrangements.

"We want young people and their parents to have wonderful memories of their special occasions and not memories of tragedies. We would encourage them to enjoy the festivities without alcohol or drugs," added DMVS Commissioner Tim Burgess.

If consumers need more information about a limousine carrier or if you have a complaint, contact the DMVS Commercial Vehicle Section at (678) 413-8731 or (678) 413-8746 or refer to the list of licensed companies at <http://www.dmv.ga.gov/authority/>.